

DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is responsive to the Applicant's response filed 3/12/08.

As indicated in Applicant's response, the amended claims 6-13, 23-30 are pending in the office action.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

3. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Ali, Imam, Reg. # 58,755 on 6/2--6/5/08.

The application has been amended as follows.

In the **CLAIMS**:

The claims have been amended according to the new and latest set of claims (with claims 1-30 canceled, and new claims 31-46), provided herein as following.

refer to hereinafter attached, "AMENDMENTS IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION", namely "Amendments_060508.pdf"

EXAMINER'S STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

4. Claims 31-46 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art taken separately or jointly does not suggest or teach the following features.

A method for processing test data comprising: (i) extracting parameter value combinations from a data file formatted with a markup language and implementing a extensible markup representation of a table, (ii) the table comprising a first section including a set of parameter list, and a second section including a set of parameter values positioned in the same order as the corresponding order in the first section, and a third section having another set of parameter values positioned in the same order as the corresponding order in the first section, wherein the second and third section parameter order represent order of parameter associated with a corresponding test case; (iii) generating a first test case based on the extracted parameter value combinations in the order represented in the first, second or third section of said table; submitting the test case to a test engine, to obtain a first test result based on said first test case; (iv) integrating the first test result into the corresponding section of the table representation of said data file and (v) repeat the steps of extracting, generating, testing and integrating for a second test case in order to allow speedy creation of test cases based on a equivalence model to test a target software module; as set forth in claim 31, 39.

Bahrs, USPN: 20030097650 does not teach or suggest disposition of parameter values in a XML configuration file for test in a exact manner as the markup table representation as recited in (ii) nor does Bahrs disclose or suggest the exact and complete paradigm for using a same markup table to generate test cases and test result that are iteratively integrated -- as set forth in (iv)→(v)-- back into the corresponding section(s) of said markup representation of the table in the same data file of (i)

Bischof, USPN: 2004/0041827, also discloses XML configuration file, but does not fulfill nor suggest the test scenario as set forth as in (iii)→ (v) using a same data file wherein the

sections as set forth in (ii) are modified as to integrated the test values therein based on the order and test case as laid out above.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tuan A Vu whose telephone number is (571) 272-3735. The examiner can normally be reached on 8AM-4:30PM/Mon-Fri.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lewis Bullock can be reached on (571)272-3759.

The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-3735 (for non-official correspondence - please consult Examiner before using) or 571-273-8300 (for official correspondence) or redirected to customer service at 571-272-3609.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the TC 2100 Group receptionist: 571-272-2100.

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/Tuan A Vu/

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